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Applicants : David C. Rueger et al.
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For : IMPROVED OSTEOGENIC DEVICES AND METHODS OF
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in reply to the March 4, 2004 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants are filing this reply before the expiration of the shortened statutory period for this reply -- June 4, 2004 -- and thus, no extension is due.

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Amendment dated June 4, 2004

In Response to Examiner's Office Action dated March 4, 2004

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.